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Pursuant to conversation with
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Restriction Enzyme Discovery Method

We received a Notice of Abandonment mailed April 11, 2002 in connection with the above-identified Application for failure to respond to the August 15, 2001 Office Action. However, our files indicate that we have responded to the August 15, 2001 Office Action. Enclosed please find a copy of the return address post card (received by the PTO on 9/24/01), a copy of the \$55 check as payment for the one-month extension, as well as the Amendment Transmittal and Restriction Requirement electing Group I, claims 1-14 and 17.

We ask that you please reverse this Notice of Abandonment, and send us notification of the same.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

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